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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 18 as follows:

A first invention provides a jointing member having a grommet and a pin, wherein the grommet includes a flange portion and a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion in which a lower end of the leg portion is opened, and an engagement portion is formed at an inner surface of the leg portion. The pin includes a head portion and a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement surface and a lock surface each engaging engagable with the engagement portions are formed at the shaft portion.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 13 as follows:

A fourth invention provides a jointing member having a grommet and a pin. The grommet includes a flange portion and a leg portion capable of being opened, in which an insertion hole is formed from a center of the flange portion to an inner portion of the leg portion, and an engagement portion is formed at an inner surface of the each leg portion. The pin includes a head portion and a shaft portion to be inserted into the insertion hole, in which an engagement surface and a lock surface each engaging with the engagement portions of the leg portions are formed at the shaft portion. The flange portion of the grommet has a large-diameter portion adjacent to an upper end of the insertion hole, an engagement hole adjacent to a bottom portion of the large-diameter portion, and an extending portion which is extended to form a pin hole portion whose The diameter of the pin hole portion is smaller than that a diameter of the large-diameter portion in a free state on a side of a tip far from the flange portion. The shaft portion has an engagement surface which holds the engagement portion portion gdisplaced to a eircumferential radially outward direction to keep the leg

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flange portion of the grommet in an opened state, in a state that the pin is incorporated into the grommet, in parallel with a center line of the shaft portion and in a direction of the center line of the shaft portion for a predetermined length. The shaft portion engagement surface has a lock surface, which protrudes in a circumferential radially outward direction in a tip of the shaft portion so as to prevent the engagement portion from falling away from the engagement surface to shift to a state that a diameter of the log portion becomes small. The engagement portion of the grommet, and the engagement surface of the pin and lock surface are relatively provided in a shaft direction at a position where the grommet and the pin are enabled to slide for a predetermined distance in a state that the grommet and the pin are incorporated so that the log portion is opened. The engagement portions of the grommet, and the engagement surface of the pin and the lock surface of the pin, are located relative to each other in an axial direction on the shaft such that the grommet and the pin are capable of sliding a predetermined distance when the leg portion is opened by the pin location within the grommet opening. Thus, since the extending portion is provided, a protrusion length of the shaft portion of the pin is shortened. Therefore, the grommet and the pin can be prevented from being falsely disengaged.